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Argentina: Brigadier General Osiris Villegas, who replaces General Rauch as interior minister, is the only new minister appointed by President Guido since the mass cabinet resignation on 12 May. The secretaries for navy and air have been reinstated, but the other posts are still vacant or under temporary caretakers.

US Embassy officials consider Villegas an able officer, thoroughly pro-Western in outlook. His appointment represents another victory for Army Commander in Chief Onganía, who is the real power behind the government.

Onganía has firmly reiterated his support for carrying out the 7 July elections on schedule. On 13 May he told newsmen that the political crisis would not be solved until a new cabinet takes over and proves that it can function.

Special security measures are in effect pending resolution of the crisis.

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*India-Pakistan: [The sixth round of talks on Kashmir opens in New Delhi today with virtually no prospect for substantive progress and with agreement on the US-UK mediation proposal much in doubt.]

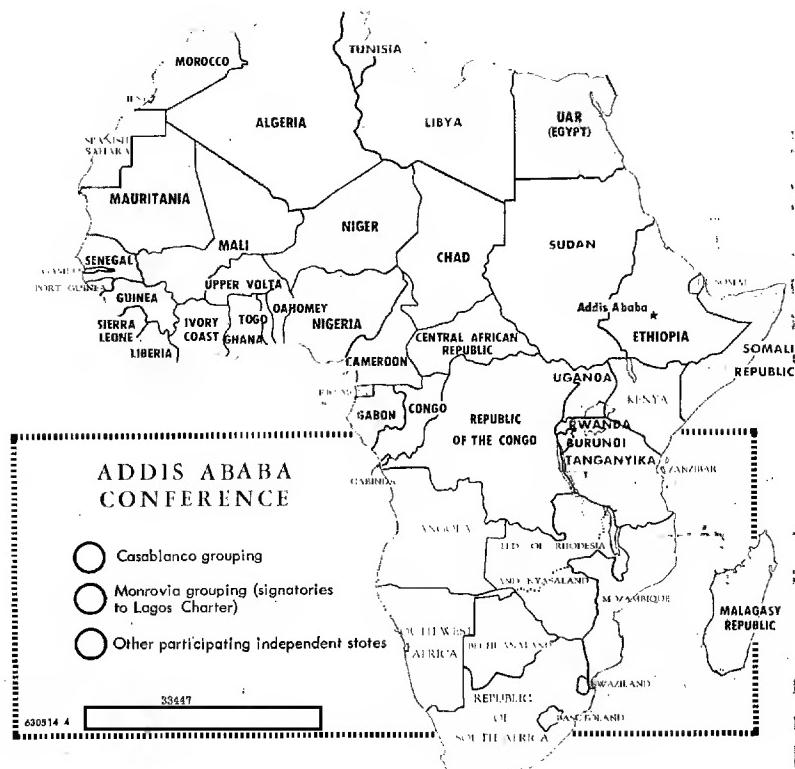
[Pakistan is cool to the mediation proposal. It apparently plans to insist on some evidence of Indian willingness to make concessions as a precondition for continuing negotiations of any kind. President Ayub feels that mediation would permit the Indians to engage in further stalling tactics during the period when Western decisions on military aid to India are being made.]

[During the New Delhi talks, Pakistani officials intend to press their recent proposal for temporary internationalization of the main valley of Kashmir in the expectation that India will continue unresponsive and thus can be made to bear the onus for a breakdown in negotiations.]

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Africa: African foreign ministers open talks in Addis Ababa today preliminary to next week's long-heralded all-African summit conference.

In a climate of lessening frictions between rival groupings of states, the conference will bring together leaders of the moderate "Monrovia" and the radical "Casablanca" groupings of independent African states for the first time since these blocs emerged in 1961. Selected nationalists from still dependent territories will apparently be permitted to participate in both open and closed sessions.

The question of seating Togolese President Grunitzky's regime is unsettled. Most of the participants probably now favor recognition, but some states are still reluctant to take a step which they feel condones assassination as a means of gaining power.

Public proceedings and resolutions can be expected largely to ignore important bilateral and regional frictions and to focus on the familiar themes of anticolonialism and African unity. Some participants, notably Ghana's Nkrumah, apparently intend to press for expanded aid to embattled "freedom fighters" in Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, and Portugal's African domains.

A common charter and new intra-African "system" patterned generally after the OAS may emerge.

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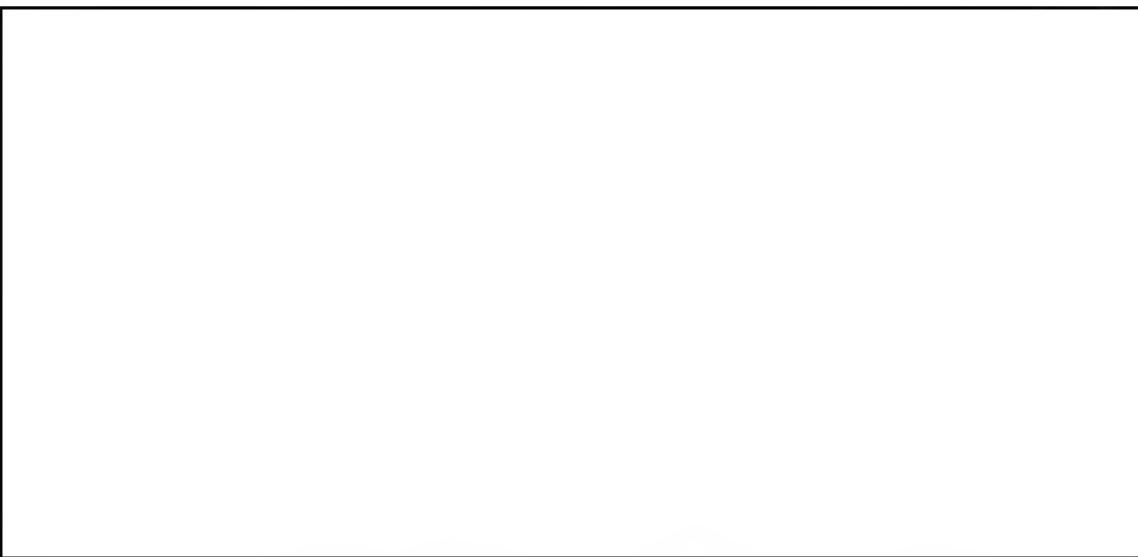
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Sino-Soviet Relations: Although Moscow and Peiping have finally agreed to begin bilateral negotiations on 5 July, their long haggling over the date is a token of the wrangling that will ensue at the forthcoming meeting. Both sides in the past few days have made statements indicating poor prospects for a settlement. Both sides seem to be preparing more for a new confrontation than an earnest effort at accommodation.

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Cuba - East Germany: East Germany's first ambassador to Cuba, Major General Fritz Johne, is a long-time Communist who, prior to his appointment on 10 May, had been serving as commandant of the East German Army's Friedrich Engels Military Academy. He is also a veteran of the Spanish Civil War, as are at least three other satellite ambassadors now in Havana. Cuba formally recognized the East German regime last January, and a Cuban ambassador is expected to be named shortly to the East Berlin post.

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CEMA: The Executive Committee of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance made little progress in solving key problems of economic cooperation at its extraordinary 10-13 May session. These problems, especially the establishment of a joint planning body, will probably now be referred to a higher level, possibly Soviet bloc first secretaries and premiers, at the next session of the CEMA Council in June.

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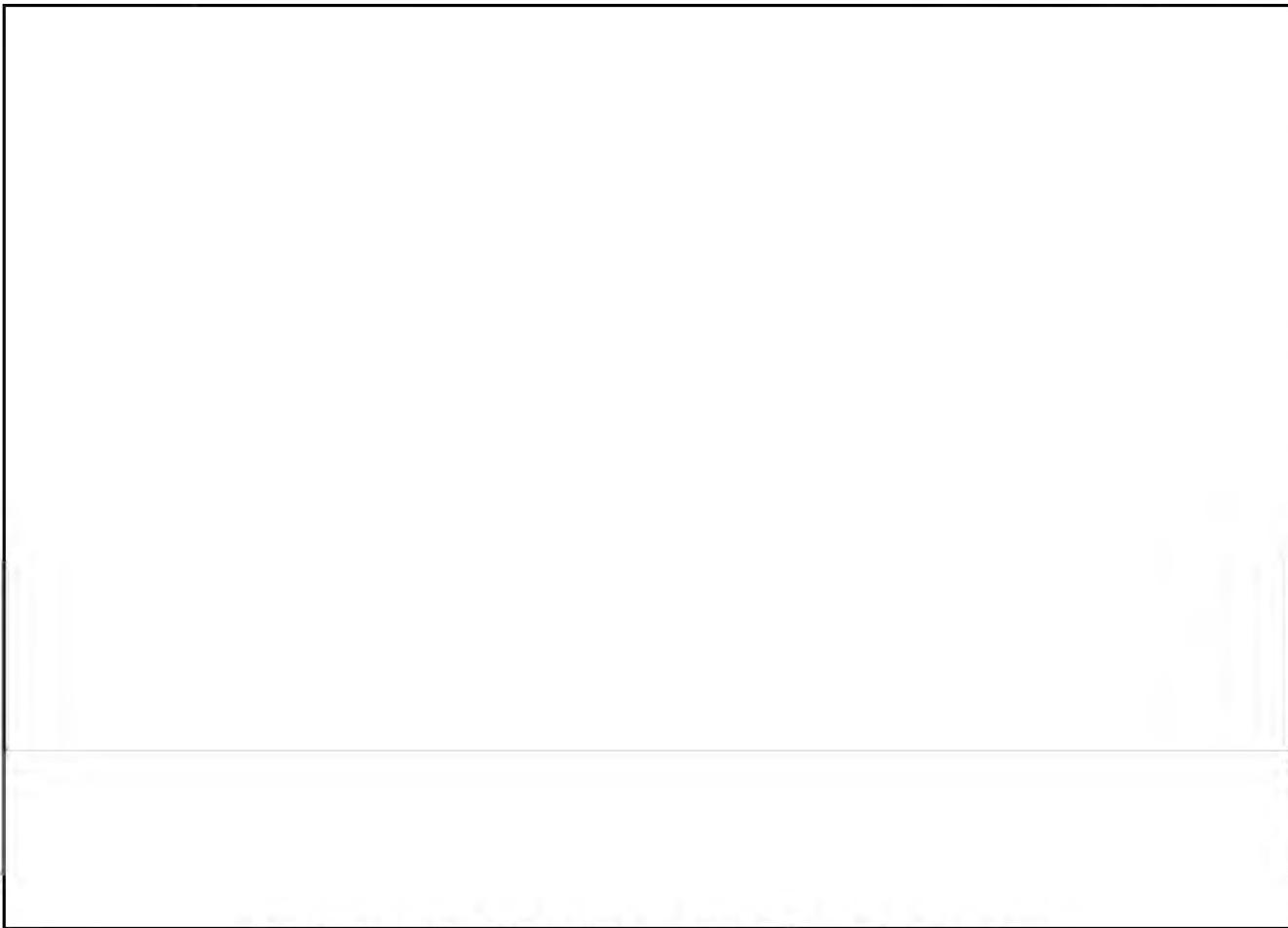
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*Bolivia: The US military attachés in La Paz have picked up information suggesting that the Czech Legation there may be in contact with antigovernment elements in the hinterland. Their sources report that an official of the legation on 12 May delivered some electronic equipment to a point on the Bolivia-Peru border where a clandestine radio is said to be located. The area in question has served as the stronghold of a prominent pro-Communist peasant leader. [Redacted]

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